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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN SIKES VISIT TO TRIPOLI AUGUST 24-25

1. WITH LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' NOTICE, THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT ARRANGED FOR CONGRESSMAN SIKES TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TURAYKI AND HEAD OF THE LIAISON BUREAU OF THE LIBYAN GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, AHMED SHAHATI. LIBYAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON MADFAI, WHO IS NOW HERE, WAS HELPFUL IN SETTING UP THE PROGRAM. IT IS LIKELY THAT IF COLONEL QADHAFI HAD NOT BEEN ABSENT IN BENGHAZI HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED SIKES.

2. CONSIDERING THE SHORT NOTICE, AND THE FACT THAT THE VISIT OCCURRED ON A THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY OF RAMADAN, THE LIBYAN RECEPTION OF CONGRESSMAN SIKES WAS A CLEAR SIGNAL OF THEIR DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HIS MEETINGS WITH TURAYKI AND SHAHATI (SEPTELS) WERE COVERED BY PRESS AND RADIO, INCLUDING A PHOTO IN THE MAIN TRIPOLI DAILY NEWSPAPER. THERE WAS NO SERIOUS
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ATTEMPT BY THE LIAISON BUREAU TO TAKE OVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT AS IS OFTEN THE CUSTOM HERE. SIKES STAYED AT THE RESIDENCE, AND MY PARTICIPATION IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FONMIN AND SHAHATI SEEMED TO BE WELCOMED BY THE LIBYANS. THIS PERMITTED MY EARLY MEETING WITH OFFICIALS WHO ARE PARTICULARLY INACCESSIBLE DURING RAMADAM.

3. CONGRESSMAN SIKES MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION AS
A PERSON CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LIBYA. THE LIBYANS
HE SPOKE WITH WERE OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THE
SAME THING. HIS VISIT HAS OPENED SOME DOORS TO US
HERE AND MADE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORT TO
PROMOTE A DIALOGUE WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS.
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